



CALIFORNIA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

SEPTEMBER 2004 AGENDA

☒ Federal Waiver

SUBJECT

Request by **Raisin City Elementary School District** to waive No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB); Title IV, Part A, Section 4115 (a) (1) (c) to use Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities funds to support the cost of **Bully Proofing Your School**, a kindergarten through grade eight program that offers a system approach to handling bully/victim problems through creation of a "caring community" approach and various safety and security measures.

Waiver Number: Fed-10-2003

☒ Action

☒ Consent

RECOMMENDATION

☐ Approval ☒ Approval with conditions ☐ Denial

The district must submit a report to the Safe and Healthy Kids Program Office no later than September 2005 describing the progress made by the Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence in evaluating the Bully Proofing Your School Program. The district must submit a report to the Safe and Healthy Kids Program Office no later than September 2006 describing the Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence's progress in submitting the results of the evaluation to the National Registry of Effective Programs, the University of Colorado's Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence, and/or the California Healthy Kids Resource Center, for possible designation as a Model, Blueprint, or Validated Program. The district must also evaluate its own comprehensive prevention program in accordance with the district's approved Local Educational Agency Plan.

SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION DISCUSSION AND ACTION

State Board Policy 03-01 contains guidelines for approval of applications for waiver of the NCLB requirements that Title IV funds be used for "science-based" prevention programs. The State Board of Education has already approved similar waiver requests for Bully Proofing Your School for Novato Unified School District and Ross Valley School District.

SUMMARY OF KEY ISSUES

This application requests a waiver so that the LEA may use the "promising" prevention program Bully Proofing Your School rather than a "science-based" program. Per State Board Policy 03-01, there are three conditions which must be satisfied before approval of the use of a "promising" prevention program rather than and already-established science-based program. Those conditions were met, and are listed in bold below.

Program Innovative?

Yes. The approach is a comprehensive systems approach, which is innovative.

Does the program demonstrate substantial likelihood of success?

Yes. The program has already been designated as “favorable” by the University of Colorado’s Center for the Study of Prevention and Violence. Policy 03-01 lists the Center as one of the nationwide groups that may recognize a new program as “science-based”.

Is there a plan and timeline for submitting the program for review and

recognition? Yes. The additional material submitted by the school district includes a satisfactory plan and timeline. The district has agreed to send a progress report within one year, and a final report within two years.

Authority for Waiver: NCLB, Title IV, Part A, Section 4115(a)(3)

Period of request: September 2004 to September 2006.

Local board approval date(s): 11-3-03

FISCAL ANALYSIS (AS APPROPRIATE)

Programmatic change – no fiscal impact.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Consent Item: Backup materials, waiver request forms and supporting documents are not available for web viewing but are available for inspection in the Waiver Office.